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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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(a) whether ASHA workers are given training adequately and periodic reviews of such trainings are held on regular basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has received any representations from various States and ASHA workers regarding increasing wages/allowances/honorarium; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)
(a) & (b): Public Health being a state subject, conducting periodic review of ASHA trainings is a subject matter of State/UT governments. However, review of the status of ASHA trainings is part of ASHA Evaluations. Evaluations conducted in States (other than Tamil Nadu, Manipur, Tripura, Mizoram, and Jammu and Kashmir) demonstrates that the quality of ASHA training is dependent on quality of trainers, availability of training materials and training facilities.
(c) & (d:)The State of Telangana had recently raised certain issues including minimum wages of Rs.15,000 for ASHAs. A reply has been sent to the State government informing inter alia that:
I. Public health being a state subject, under the NHM, support is being provided to States to supplement the efforts of the States to strengthen their healthcare system including for ASHAs.

II. Under the NHM, ASHAs are envisaged to be honorary volunteers receiving performance based incentives.

III. The proposal for payment of fixed incentive has been examined on many occasions and it has been decided to continue with the existing system of performance based incentives in line with the role envisaged for ASHAs under the Mission as honorary volunteers.

IV. Under NHM States have the flexibility to design ASHA incentives.

V. Some states have introduced fixed monthly payment out of State budget.